THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives Limited, New Delhi has received aid for an amount of Canadian dollar 40,113 from Cooperative Development Foundation of Canada for supplying 3 hand-operated net making machines to three Fishermen's Cooperatives one each to be selected in the States of West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

Establishment of central sheep, goat and wool research institute in Orissa

2153. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had recently taken a decision to establish a regional research centre of the Central Sheep, Goat and Wool Research Institute in Orissa;

(b) if so, what follow-up action Government have taken in this regard;

(c) whether land for the centre has been acquired and all infrastructural developments have taken place; and

(d) what is the estimated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Committee comprising the Directors of the Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute and the Central Institute for Research on Goats has already been set up to assess the feasibility of the Site offered by the State Government, and their Report is awaited.

(c) and (d) Further follow up action will be taken on the receipt of the Report of the Committee.

2154. [*Transferred to the 2nd December*, 1987].

Supply of mini kits to farmers

2155. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that States are not supplying mini kits to farmers, if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the number of mini kits supplied during the years 1985, 1986 and so far in 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No such complaint has been received from any State.

(b) The number of mini kits supplied under various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Crop Production are given below year-wise:—

Year	No. of mini kits supplied
1985-86	86.27 lakhs
1986-87	86.65 lakh
1987-88 (As reported so far)	34.76 lakh